



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held June 3, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

On Friday, May 30, 2003 at approximately 9:45 p.m., Denzel Markeyse Martin-Sanders, who was only 3 years old, was riding his bicycle in the front yard on W. Bennett St. when gunfire erupted. Two suspects exited the vehicle and started firing handguns indiscriminately into the crowd, striking five victims. When the shooting stopped Denzel was laying dead beneath his bike.

Denzel Markeyse Martin-Sanders was the joy of the neighborhood, known for hopping his bike as if it were a low-rider. It was through a car club named 'Just Dip'n' that Blacks and Latinos on W. Bennett St. forged friendships that residents said made for a close-knit neighborhood. Denzel was their mascot, and the mailman that was fond of him gave him the nickname of 'Munchie.'

Tracy Martin, Denzel's mother, was hit four times. Her nephew, Matthew, was wounded along with two other victims who are recovering at the hospital.

The vehicle, a Black Cherokee Jeep, was last seen traveling westbound on W. Bennett St. The Sheriff's Homicide Department is seeking information and would like the public to come forward with any information which may aid in obtaining justice for Denzel and his family."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board established a \$10,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of 3-year-old Denzel Markeyse Martin-Sanders who was shot and killed while riding his bicycle in the front yard on West Bennett Street on Friday, May 30, 2003 at approximately 9:45 p.m., in the City of Compton.

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Copies distributed:

- Each Supervisor
- District Attorney
- Sheriff
- Chief Administrative Officer
- County Counsel
- Auditor-Controller
- Los Angeles County Sheriff's
Homicide Bureau

**NOTICE OF \$10,000 REWARD
OFFERED BY THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is offering a \$10,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of 3-year-old Denzel Markeyse Martin-Sanders who was shot and killed while riding his bicycle in the front yard on West Bennett Street on Friday, May 30, 2003 at approximately 9:45 p.m., in the City of Compton.

Any person having any information related to this crime is requested to call Detective Jeffrey Leslie at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department at (213) 890-5500 and refer to Report No. 003-07753-2836-011.

The terms of the reward provide that:

- The information given that leads to the determination of the identity, the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons must be given no later than September 1, 2003. All claims must be in writing and shall be received no later than October 31, 2003.
- The total County payment of any and all rewards shall in no event exceed \$10,000 and no claim shall be paid prior to conviction unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of the person or persons responsible for the crime or crimes.
- The County reward may be apportioned between various persons and/or paid for the conviction of various persons as the circumstances fairly dictate.

Any claims for the reward funds should be filed no later than October 31, 2003 with the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors, 500 West Temple Street, Room 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California 90012, Attention: Denzel Markeyse Martin-Sanders Reward Fund. For further information, please call (213) 974-1747.

Si no entiende esta noticia o si necesita mas informacion, favor de llamar a este numero (213) 974-1747.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES